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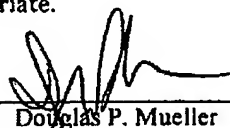
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Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed. Please note that reference EP 0 276 675 was previously submitted in an IDS.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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